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MOTTO

*“You can choose your friends,
but you cannot choose your family”*

SUMMARY

WULAN RACHMAWATI. A320140085. **A SEMIOTIC ANALYSIS ON THE NOVEL *PAPER TOWNS* BY JOHN GREEN (2008)**. RESEARCH PAPER. SCHOOL OF TEACHER TRAINING AND EDUCATION. MUHAMMADIYAH UNIVERSITY OF SURAKARTA.

This study aims at describing the signs and the meanings in semiotic analysis on John Green's Paper Towns novel. The objectives of the study are (1) to describe the signs which can be found in John Green's Paper Towns and (2) to describe the meanings of the signs by using Peirce's semiotic theory. The type of this research is a qualitative research which has purpose to analyze literature using Semiotic Theory. The researcher uses two data sources, they are primary data sources which is taken from the novel by John Green entitled Paper Towns (2008) and secondary data sources which are taken from website, dictionary, and some books which support the research. The researcher uses a library research as the method for collecting data. The technique which is used by the researcher is descriptive analysis which is related to a semiotic analysis on John Green's Paper Towns (2008). Based on the analysis, the researcher gets some conclusions. The signs which are found on the Paper Towns novel are reflected in the clues which left by the main character named Margo Roth Spiegelmen. The meanings of the signs can be related to the concept of interpretant in Peirce's semiotic theory.

Keywords: *Paper Towns, sign, meaning of sign, Peirce's semiotic theory*

RINGKASAN

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mendiskripsikan tanda dan artinya melalui analisis semiotika pada novel Paper Towns karya John Green. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah (1) untuk mendiskripsikan tanda-tanda yang dapat ditemukan di novel Paper Towns karya John Green dan (2) untuk mendiskripsikan berbagai makna dari tanda-tanda dengan menggunakan analisis semiotika Peirce. Jenis penelitian ini adalah penelitian kualitatif yang bertujuan untuk menganalisis sastra dengan teori semiotika. Peneliti menggunakan dua sumber data, yakni sumber data primer yang diambil dari novel Paper Towns karya John Green (2008) dan sumber data sekunder yang diambil dari website, dictionary, dan beberapa buku yang mendukung penelitian ini. Peneliti menggunakan penelitian pustaka sebagai metode pengumpulan data. Teknik yang digunakan oleh peneliti yakni analisis deskriptif yang berhubungan dengan analisis semiotika pada novel Paper Towns karya John Green (2008). Berdasarkan analisis, peneliti mendapatkan beberapa kesimpulan. Tanda-tanda yang ditemukan di novel Paper Towns karya digambarkan pada petunjuk-petunjuk yang ditinggalkan oleh tokoh utama bernama Margo Roth Spiegelmen. Makna dari tanda-tanda dapat dihubungkan pada konsep interpretant dari teori semiotika Peirce.

Kata Kunci: Paper Towns, tanda, makna tanda, teori semiotika Peirce

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